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Joe Shannon Jr.
Tommy Shannon

H.J.R. No. 3

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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Article VIII, Constitution of the State of
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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the benefit of the public free schools, shall never exceed Thirty-
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no county, city or town shall levy a tax rate in excess of Eighty
Cents (80¢) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation in any one
(1) year for general fund, permanent improvement fund, road and
bridge fund and jury fund purposes; provided further that at the
time the Commissioners Court meets to levy the annual tax rate for
each county it shall levy whatever tax rate may be needed for the
four (4) constitutional purposes; namely, general fund, permanent
improvement fund, road and bridge fund and jury fund so long as the
Court does not impair any outstanding bonds or other obligations
and so long as the total of the foregoing tax levies does not
exceed Eighty Cents (80¢) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valua-
tion in any one (1) year. Once the Court has levied the annual
tax rate, the same shall remain in force and effect during that
taxable year; and the Legislature may also authorize an additional
annual ad valorem tax to be levied and collected for the further
maintenance of the public roads; provided, that a majority of the
qualified property taxpaying voters of the county voting at an
election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax, not to
exceed Fifteen Cents (15¢) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valua-
tion of the property subject to taxation in ^{each} county. Any
county ~~having a population exceeding 500,000 according to the last~~
~~preceding federal census~~ may put all tax money collected by the
county, ~~except that money collected from the additional property~~
~~tax voted for maintenance of the public roads,~~ into one general
fund, without regard to the purpose or source of each tax. And the
Legislature may pass local laws for the maintenance of the public
roads and highways, without the local notice required for special
or local laws. This Section shall not be construed as a limitation
of powers delegated to counties, cities or towns by any other
Section or Sections of this Constitution."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be
submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an

1 election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
2 November, 1968⁷, at which election all ballots shall have printed
3 on them the following:

4 "FOR the constitutional amendment allowing counties ~~of over~~
5 ~~500,000 population~~ to put all county taxes, ~~except the additional~~
6 ~~road maintenance tax~~, into one fund." *general*

7 "AGAINST the constitutional amendment allowing counties ~~of~~
8 ~~over 500,000 population~~ to put all county taxes, ~~except the~~
9 ~~additional road maintenance tax~~, into one fund." *general*

10 Sec. 3. The governor of the State of Texas shall issue the
11 necessary proclamation for the election, and this amendment shall
12 be published in the manner and for the length of time as required
13 by the constitution and laws of this state. *Such publication of*
14 *this amendment shall be limited to the publication*
15 *by Sections 1 and 2 of this Resolution only.*
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
NO. 1

AMENDMENT ~~William~~

BY William

Amend H.J.R. 3 by striking on lines 45 and 46 the following language:

except that money collected from the additional property tax voted for the maintenance of the public roads, m

DATE MAR 21 1967

READ AND ADOPTED
Dorothy Hallman
CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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COMMITTEE AMEND 3

By Shuman

AMEND H. J. R. 3 by
CHANGING ON LINE 2 ON
PAGE 2 the NUMERALS
"1968" to "1967"

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
NO. 3

MAR 21 1967

DATE _____

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Dorothy Hallman
CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
NO. 4

Amendment # 4

By Quilliam

Amend H.J.R. 3 by adding a new sentence at the end of
Section 3 as follows:

Such publication of this amendment shall be limited
to the publication of Sections 1 and 2 of this Resolution
only.

MAR 21 1967
DATE _____

READ AND ADOPTED
Dorothy Hallman
CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Amendment # 5

^{for}
Sherman

Amend H.L.R. No. 3, in line 33, by
deleting the word "~~and~~" and substituting
therefor the word "such". 44K

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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DATE MAR 21 1967

READ AND ADOPTED

Dorothy Hallman
CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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MAR 22 1967

Dorothy Hallman

Mr. Shannon asks unanimous consent of the House that the Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk be authorized to change the "FOR and AGAINST" clauses in H.J.R. No. 3 to conform to the amendments which were placed on said Resolution, said clauses to read as follows:

"FOR the constitutional amendment allowing counties to put all county taxes into one general fund." and

"AGAINST the constitutional amendment allowing counties to put all county taxes into one general fund."

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

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By: Joe Shannon, Jr., Tommy Shannon

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and 2 of this Resolution only. _____

Austin, Texas

May 4,, 1967

Hon. Preston Smith
President of the Senate

Sir:

We, your Committee on CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS,
to which was referred HJR 8. No. 3, have had the same
under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to
the Senate with the recommendation that it do _____
pass _____ and be _____ printed.



Chairman MOORE

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Amend _____

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Amend H. J. R. 3 by striking
the following words in Sec 2
of the resolution: "

"the first Tuesday after the
first Monday in November,
1967"

and substitute therefor
the following:

"November 11, 1967"

MAY 29 1967

The House has concurred in Senate amendments
to House Bill No. 3 by vote of 140 ayes
88 noes.

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

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Lieutenant Governor
President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that H.J.R. No. 3 was passed by the House on March 21, 1967, by the following vote: Yeas 118, Nays 23, and 1 present not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 3 on May 29, 1967, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0.

Chief Clerk of the House

I hereby certify that H.J.R. No. 3 was passed by the Senate, as amended, on May 29, 1967, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
1:05pm O'CLOCK

JUN 18 1967

John Connally
Governor

John L. Hise
Secretary of State

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By Shannon et al

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FILED JAN 19 1967

JAN 23 1967

RECEIVED
JAN 23 1967
COMMITTEE ON
Constitutional Amendments

MAR 16 1967 REPORTED FAVORABLY AS AMENDED SENT TO PRINTER

PRINTED, DISTRIBUTED AND

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON

RULES 12:00 Noon M,
(Time)

MAR 17 1967

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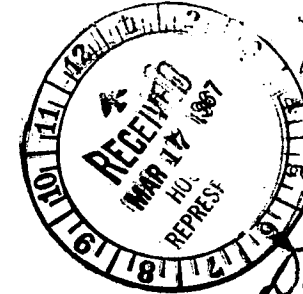
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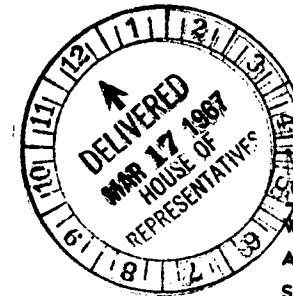
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finally adopted, by vote
of 118 ayes, 23 nays + 1
present not voting



Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives



MAR 21 1967

MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE BY
WHICH H.J.R. # 3 WAS
ADOPTED / PASSED AND TO TABLE THE MOTION TO RECON-
SIDER PREVAILED NO BY A non-record VOTE YES

Dorothy Hallman
CHIEF CLERK HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAR 21 1967 SENT TO ENGROSSING CLERK

Caption amended to conform to body of
bill under authority of Rule IV, Sec. 26,
Rules of the House of Representatives.

3-28-67

(Date)

Oran Guffin
(Engrossing and Enrolling
Clerk)

APPROVED:

Joe Shannon
(Author)

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1-19-67 Filed.

1-23-67 Read first time and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

3-16-67 Reported favorably as amended, sent to printer.

3-17-67 Printed, distributed and referred to Committee on Rules at 12 noon.

3-21-67 Read second time, amended, ordered engrossed and finally adopted by the following vote: Yeas 118, Nays 23, and 1 present not voting.

Dorothy Hallman
Chief Clerk, H. of R.

3-21-67 Sent to Engrossing Clerk.

3-21-67 Engrossed.

Orea Griffin
Engrossing Clerk, H. of R.

MAR 22 1967 RETURNED FROM ENGROSSING CLERK SENT TO THE SENATE

MAR 22 1967

IN THE SENATE

Received from the House

APR 3 1967

Read first time
and referred to Committee
on Constitutional Amendments

MAY 5 1967

Reported Favorably:

MAY 29 1967

Regular order of business, Senate Rules 32, 37 and 38 and Art. III, Section 32 of the Constitution suspended by vote of 29 yeas, 1 nays, to permit consideration, reading and passage.

MAY 29 1967

READ SECOND TIME,
AND PASSED TO THIRD READING.

MAY 29 1967

READ THIRD TIME AND PASSED
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yeas 30 Nays 1

Charles Schnabel
Secretary of the Senate

MAY 29 1967

Vote by which passed ~~to engrossment~~
~~that~~ was reconsidered by
~~unanimous consent.~~
unanimous consent.

MAY 29 1967

Amended by vote of
31 yeas, 0 nays

MAY 29 1967

~~READ THIRD TIME AND PASSED~~
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yeas 31 Nays 0

Charles Schnabel
Secretary of the Senate

MAY 29 1967

SENT TO HOUSE

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RETURNED FROM SENATE

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

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SIDER PREVAILED ~~PASSED~~ BY A non-record VOTE OF
AYES AND AYES

Dorothy Hallman
CHIEF CLERK HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 29 1967

SENT TO ENROLLING CLERK

Approved